



MONTANA AUDUBON CENTER



Montana Audubon Adventure Camps 2017

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2017 SCHEDULE

Littles: Grades K-2. All camps are 1/2 day.

June 19-23	Tales and Trails A (am)	Little Explorers (pm)
June 26-30	Seeds to Sprouts (am)	
July 5-7	Bogs, Frogs, & Pollywogs (am)*	Transformers (pm)*
July 10-14	Bug Out! (am)	Dino-Tastic A (pm)
July 17-21	Feathered Friends (am)	
July 24-28	Water Wiggles (am)	
July 31- August 4	Animal Parade (am)	Tales and Trails B (pm)
August 7-11	Little Explorers B (am)	Dino-Tastic B (pm)

Middles: Grades 3-5.

June 19-23	Birds in your Backyard (am)	Nature Girls 1 A (d)
June 26-30	Where the Wild Things Are (pm)	Fishing & Fort Building A (d)
July 5-7	Day Camping (d)*	
July 10-14	Nature Notebook (am)	Fishing & Fort Building B (d)
July 17-21	Outdoor Gourmet (am)	Mad Scientist (pm)
July 24-28	Treasure Maps (am)	Nature Day Spa (pm) Fishing & Fort Building C (d)
July 31- August 4	Artist-in-Residence (am)	Nature Girls 1 B (d)
August 7-11	Corps of Adventure (am)	Fishing & Fort Building D (d)

Older Kids: Grades 6-8.

June 26-30	Wild Ventures* (d)
July 17-21	Lost in the Woods (d)
July 24-28	Nature Day Spa (pm)
August 7-11	Nature Girls 2 (d)

(am): 8:30-12:00 (pm): 12:30-4:00 (d): Full day 8:30-4:00

Cost: 1/2 day \$140, Full day \$260, Overnight +\$40

Camps with asterisk (*) vary in price. Check descriptions for more information.





Get outside this summer at your Montana Audubon Center!

Montana Audubon Adventure Camps are a great summer outdoor experience, making full use of our Norm Schoenthal Field Lab and adjacent access to the Yellowstone River trail system.

A few things to know about how we do summer camps:

- Low staff:camper ratio of 1:6.
- Diverse, educationally relevant, and age-appropriate programming.
- Professional staff of trained naturalists provide a safe, fun environment for all campers.
- Focus on learning and exploring our local, natural areas.
- All camps include a giving-back restoration component.
- Every Friday features camp-wide games, contests, and special activities.

Is your kid attending a separate morning and afternoon camp? We have designated “lunch buddies” to accompany them during the 1/2-hour break.

New This Year: Fledglings Summer Session!

Our popular Fledglings Nature Preschool is going year-round! Whether wanting to extend their preschool experiences or getting ready for Kindergarten this fall, Fledglings Summer Session is a great education foundation for lifelong learning. Our Early Childhood - trained staff and high-quality program emphasize social skills, risk management, learning that emerges from play, and 80% of time spent outside. Class size limited to 8 students. Sign up for individual weeks or all summer. 3 days/week (T-W-Th) from 8:30-12:00, \$100/week. Child does not need to be registered in school-year program. 10 weeks starting June 13.

LITTLES (Grades K-2)

Tales and Trails: Books are great places to find adventures, and Nature is, too! Each day will include a special storytime reading of a Nature book and a chance to make some outdoor adventures of your own!





Seeds to Sprouts: We'll dig in the soil, plant seeds, and discover plants from tiny sprouts to the tallest trees, including some that we can eat!

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Bug Out: Creepies, crawlies, and little critters everywhere. Learn the lives of these mini-beasts close up and in person.



Bogs, Frogs, and Polliwogs:

There are some animals that are just as happy in slimy, wet, and muddy places as they are on dry ground. Get to know your friendly neighborhood amphibians! 3 day camp, \$100.

Dino-Tastic: Dinosaurs! Learn the different types of dinosaurs, including ones that walked around your neighborhood in prehistoric times. Dig for bones, go on a dinosaur hunt, and get to know modern dinosaurs - birds!

Feathered Friends: Birds of a feather....flock together with us as we discover local birds: how to see them, hear them, and help them! You'll also make a bird feeder to take home for birds in your own neighborhood.

Water Wiggles: Splish and splash yourself into puddles, ponds, and streams all week with the Center staff. We'll even learn about (and catch!) some of the cool critters that call these places home.

Transformers: More than meets the eye! Water bugs turning into dragonflies, little fish turning into frogs...lots of animals change shapes. Learn all about why and find animals in all of their different forms. 3 day camp, \$100.

New Animal Parade: How many different animals call Billings home? Come learn with us! We'll look at tracks, help build animal homes, and even make masks and costumes for a Friday parade.

New Little Explorer: The wild awaits! Put on your adventure hat and explore the "backcountry" forests and fields of Norm's Island. Who knows what we'll find!





MIDDLES (3rd - 5th grade)

Birds in Your Backyard: You've seen them around: crows, finches, pigeons, ducks, and geese! Learn more about Billings' bird species: how to identify them, what makes them special, and how to invite them to your own backyard.

Fishing and Fort Building:

(Optional overnight) Two great ways to have fun in the outdoors! We'll create a variety of shelters in the surrounding forests, spend lots of time fishing, and learn how to build fires, tie knots, and paddle in a canoe. Camp ends at noon on Friday.

Nature Notebook:

Want to have a record of what you see outside? Make your very own nature journal! Spend the week exploring nature and learning how to sketch, paint, and write descriptions of what you find, and how to connect those pages into a book you make yourself.

Nature Girls:

(Optional overnight) One of our most popular camps is back! Nature adventures are not just for boys. Join us for a special week of making campfires, identifying animal tracks, and meeting some grown-up nature girls!

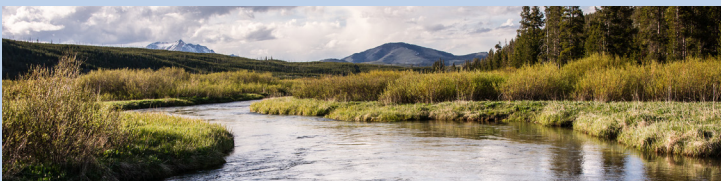
Where the Wild Things Are:

Holes, burrows, caves, dens, rivers, logs, nests, trees, cavities, and even rocks! We'll explore, investigate, and discover all of these animal homes through the week.



Outdoor Gourmet:

No need to be hungry if you know where to look in the woods! If you love to eat (and who doesn't?), join us for an adventurous week of outdoor cooking skills, including a few ways to eat what you find in the wild.





Mad Scientist: How do we know what we know about the natural world? Science! Don a lab coat and goggles to experiment with liquids, solids, and gasses; study how objects move; discover the chemistry of nature and the physics of play. Make flubber, goop, glop, and your own rocket!



New Activities Treasure Maps: Which side of the boat does a good pirate try to avoid? The outside! We'll spend a pirate-y week of sailing seas, making maps, and hunting for treasure. Eye patch optional.

Nature Day Spa: (Combined ages) Bring out your natural beauty! Make your own scented soaps, scrubs, masks, and even insect repellent with plants we find in nature. We'll have tea time every day with mint and rosehips and relax with nature meditation.

Artist - in - Residence: Artists have always been inspired by nature, and it's easy to see why! From watercolor to oils to pencil sketches, join us for a week of creativity with nature as the subject. We'll work with local artists, build a portfolio, and have an official gallery showing for friends and family on Friday!



Corps of Adventure: Did you know that Captain Clark had his own adventure on the Yellowstone River, and camped near Billings the day before he made it to Pompeys Pillar? We'll spend the week living like those early explorers and take a field trip to see exactly where he crossed the river!





Day camping: Fire building, fishing, hiking, exploring, telling stories, cooking marshmallows...lots of the things we do while camping are just as fun during the day! If you're looking to get ready for camping or just want to have a great time outside, join us for this special week! 3 day camp, \$175.

OLDER KIDS (6th - 8th Grade)

Wild Ventures:

Montana is known for a great place to have adventures! Discover why during our special camp for older kids. Week includes whitewater rafting, horseback riding, zip-lining, canoeing, hiking in the Beartooths, and rock climbing. YOLO!
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Nature Girls 2: (Optional overnight) An older-girls only version of this popular camp. Nature adventures are not just for boys. Join us for a special week of getting girls outside: learning survival skills, making campfires, identifying animal tracks, and meeting some grown-up nature girls! Camp ends at noon on Friday.

Nature Day Spa: (Combined ages) Bring out your natural beauty! Make your own scented soaps, scrubs, masks, and even insect repellent with plants we find in nature. We'll have tea time every day with mint and rosehip and relax with nature meditation.

Lost in the Woods: (Optional overnight) Spend a full week learning how to get lost (and found!) in the outdoors. We'll learn about maps, compasses, and GPS; how animals use camouflage when they want to hide, and how to "leave no trace" of where you have been. Camp ends at noon on Friday.





Audubon Center Summer Internships

Are you ready to help younger kids have a great summer experience? Apply to be an Audubon Center Summer Intern. Includes CPR and First Aid training. A great chance to build your skills and be a part of our staff! Available for kids 14-18, call for application or more information.

Summer Camp Staff

Are you 16 or older and looking for a summer job? Join the crew at the Montana Audubon Center. We're looking for enthusiastic, self motivated individuals to help out with our week-long day camps and other summer programs. Flexible schedule and a great working environment. Call for application or more information



At the **Montana Audubon Center**, we offer a variety of public and private programming, including birthday parties, scout programs, family programs, and special events, all providing outdoor, nature-based learning experiences.

More information at www.mtaudubon.org/center.

